CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	(20)8E1A39AB-1image 7.png
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Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	09 August 2012
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The file consists of an image explicitly showing a naked boy (an older child) being subjected to sexual conduct by a man. The image is a direct visual record of sexual exploitation and intended for the arousal of persons with a sexual interest in children. The availability of such images encourages this sexual interest and perpetuates the belief that children may be used for adult sexual gratification.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.